

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Problems connected with Labour and the Inspections of Factories.

ORDER No. 1267-1317—C. B. 84-26-2, DATED CAMP MYSORE, 11TH OCTOBER 1926.

In view of the steady expansion of industrial undertakings in the State and the increasing complexity and importance of the problems concerning labour, Government consider it desirable to appoint a central authority for dealing with problems connected with the condition of labour and the amelioration of the classes from which it is generally drawn and for collecting statistical and other information relating thereto, such as, 'emigration,' wages and kindred matters. It will also be an advantage to arrange for a periodical inspection of factories by officers having the requisite technical knowledge. Government are accordingly pleased to assign these duties to the Department of Industries and Commerce.

2. The functions to be exercised in this connection fall under the following heads:—

(1) The study of economic conditions of labour and formulation of proposals in regard to their betterment,

(2) The wage census and keeping in touch with the wages question throughout the year,

(3) The administration of the Factories Regulation including the inspection of factories and questions connected with hours of labour, overcrowding, sanitation and such other matters affecting the welfare of labourers, and

(4) Emigration of labour.

3. The Director of Industries and Commerce will be made responsible hereafter for the discharge of all duties relating to the matters referred to above. That officer will examine the arrangements now in force and submit proposals for co-ordinating the duties assigned to various authorities under the existing regulations and rules. He will also make suitable arrangements, obtaining the orders of Government in cases where this is necessary, for getting from local officers and from the employers of labour, information under the heads referred to. He will, further, be responsible for keeping Government informed in time of any situation relating to labour that may call for the adoption of special measures.

4. Government desire that officers of the various departments dealing with questions connected with labour should give all necessary facilities to the Director of Industries and Commerce for carrying out the duties now assigned to him. The Director of Industries and Commerce is requested to include in the annual report of the administration of his department, in future, a special section indicating the work done by him in accordance with the instructions issued above.

P. G. D'SOUZA,

*Chief Secretary to Government.***Amelioration of the Labour Communities.**

ORDER No. 1318-68—C. B. 84-26-3, DATED CAMP MYSORE, 11TH OCTOBER 1926.

Government in their Order No. 1267-1317—C. B. 84-26-2, dated the 11th October 1926, have assigned to the Director of Industries and Commerce the duties connected with the employment of labour in Factories and those that concern the improvement of labour and the condition of workers generally.

2. The work of the amelioration of the classes from which labour is drawn is now part of the normal activities of the several departments of the Administration. Some special facilities have, however, been provided in the State for some time for imparting general and vocational education to two of the labouring classes which are known as the Depressed Classes and for the spread of the co-operative movement among them and the improvement of their economic condition. Government consider that the departments concerned should continue to be responsible to carry out all such measures. They feel, however, that somewhat more rapid and better results may be attained by directing the officer intimately connected with these improvements to keep himself in touch with what is being done in the various departments for the benefit of the depressed classes and co-ordinate the measures adopted for their economic improvement. They are therefore pleased to assign this work to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies. This officer will, in consultation with the departments concerned, attend to all such questions for the betterment of the depressed classes as relate to housing, relief of indebtedness, improvement of their habits, social morals and customs, the formation of agricultural colonies, land settlements, and the starting of special Co-operative Societies for industrial and other purposes for their benefit.

3. Government desire that officers of the various departments dealing with questions connected with labour and the depressed classes should give all necessary facilities to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for carrying out the duties now assigned to him. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies is requested to include in the annual reports of the administration of the department, in future, a special section indicating the work done by him in consequence of the instructions issued above.

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